

## **MINUTES**

### **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 401 N. MORTON, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: George Huntington, John Hamilton, Toby Strout, John West, Bob Bent, Keith Clay, Dave Rollo, Cairril Mills

Regrets: Darryl Neher, Christine Glaser, Catherine Stafford

Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development  
Mike Steinhoff, Service Corps Intern  
Jenny Sumner, Service Corps Intern

#### **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Cairril Mills moves to approve the October meeting minutes, seconded by John West.  
Minutes Approved.

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Announcements**

Dave Rollo notes that the UDO is still being reviewed by City Council and informs the Commission of a green building amendment that he plans to introduce. The amendment will give create incentives such as a density bonus to developments that adopt “green” standards. Dave also recently gave a presentation at Meadow Wood Retirement Community on the topic of Peak Oil.

John Hamilton announces his participation in a forum with the Community Outreach and Partnerships in Service Learning (COPSL) on developing green and sustainability focused service learning opportunities in the community for IU students.

#### **Staff Report**

After a visit by solar panel installer Leon Bontrager it was determined that solar panels would be a good fit on the roof of the Showers Complex. Next steps would be to discuss the project with the Board of Governors of the Complex and how to finance the project.

New BCOS appointments are up at the start of 2007, Commissioners are encouraged to get the word out to potential applicants.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Initiatives**

Several initiatives have been chosen to pursue at this time, including the idea of creating a “BCOS Endorsed” logo to assist in the promotion of various sustainability related events put on by the Community and other uses. An art contest may be a good way to approach the

design of the logo. Others are a compact fluorescent light giveaway, tree planting drive, and a sustainability tour.

Some questions were raised such as what are the best light bulbs in terms of embodied energy, which Christine Glaser volunteered to look into. Also raised was what are the best trees to plant, focusing on either native or fruit bearing species.

Consideration of the equity side of sustainability needs to be addressed as many of these initiatives could be viewed as being too focused on environmental issues. Emphasis should be placed on energy cost savings for low income individuals, with regard to the light bulb giveaway idea.

Dave Rollo moves to endorse the suggested initiatives, seconded by John West. Motion approved unanimously. It is further noted that the results of Initiative Committee projects should be included in future BCOS Indicator reports.

### **Indicators**

Mike Steinhoff gave an overview of what information was available with regard to the chosen indicator list. Mike will be working on producing the report with completion expected in mid to late February.

### **Education**

Bob Bent notes on the success of the recent Energy Forums with the Environmental Commission. Cairril Mills has Sustainability 101 lectures planned for both Harmony School and the Rotary Club. Also a tape of the lecture has been given to the Monroe County Public Library.

### **Partnerships and Relations**

This Committee is now established with John West and Christine Glaser serving on it.

### **Old Business**

A Team has been established with a combination of BCOS and Environmental Commission members to begin to implement the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Framework.

Bob Bent's and Ben Brabson's Energy Report should be published by BCOS either as part of the indicators report or on its own.

### **New Business**

Priorities for 2007 will be to implement at least 3 of the recommendations from the Climate Protection Framework, assisting the in the "greening" of one city owned garage, more reach out to businesses, and to elevate social equity in all BCOS activities.